

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

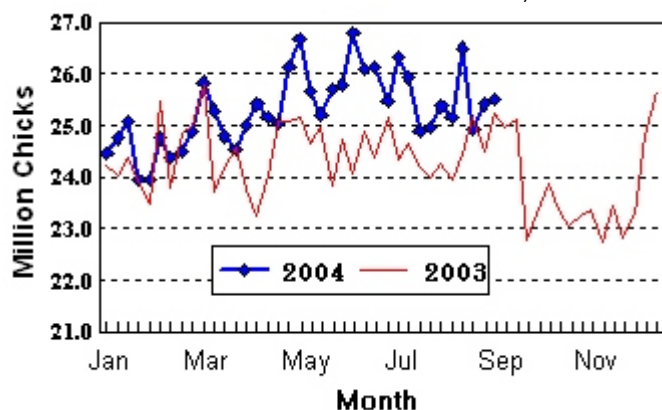
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.5 million during the week ending September 11, 2004. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up slightly from the revised previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 11, 2004 were 937.3 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.2 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up fractionally from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

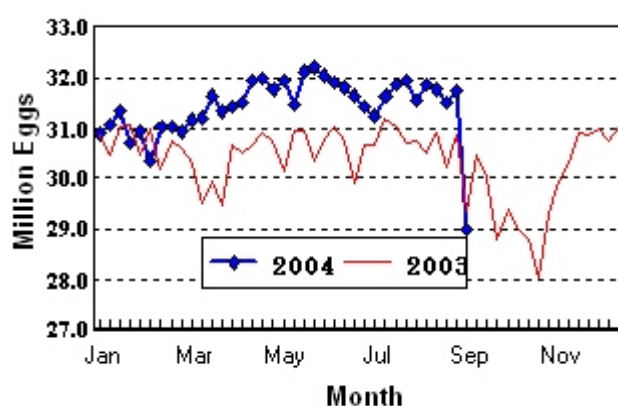
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 11, 2004, down 1 percent from the same period last year, and down 9 percent from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 7	24,252	25,396	105	25,555	25,964	102	30,785	31,552	102
Aug. 14	23,973	25,208	105	25,442	26,148	103	30,529	31,870	104
Aug. 21	24,485	26,539	108	25,399	26,298	104	30,884	31,803	103
Aug. 28	25,172	24,919	99	25,387	25,982	102	30,223	31,540	104
Sep. 4	24,513	25,421	104	25,164	26,183	104	30,875	31,753	103
Sep. 11	25,253	25,536	101	25,531	26,208	103	29,368	28,990	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	21-Aug	28-Aug	04-Sep	11-Sep		07-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug	28-Aug	04-Sep	11-Sep	
Alabama	30,158	30,106	30,262 *	28,658	104	21,273	21,752	21,526	21,657	21,911 *	21,825	105
ARKANSAS	31,803	31,540	31,753 *	28,990	99	25,396	25,208	26,539	24,919	25,421 *	25,536	101
Delaware	3,773	3,693	3,628	3,546	100	5,056	5,018	4,912	5,241	4,897	4,719	82
Florida	1,348	1,339	1,339	1,339	101	1,447	1,589	1,467	1,313	1,182	1,374	73
Georgia	33,838 *	33,277	32,843 *	32,681	106	27,056	26,398	26,850	27,485	26,594 *	27,154	105
Kentucky	7,073	7,287 *	6,751 *	6,477	116	6,008	6,216	6,397	6,389 *	6,080 *	6,027	103
Louisiana	3,923	3,968	3,967	3,833	106	3,625	3,674	3,719	3,914	3,839	3,662	98
Maryland	8,886	8,879	8,762	7,893	94	5,998	5,743	6,119	5,880	5,858	6,020	114
Mississippi	19,713	18,790	19,340 *	18,472	102	17,006	17,570	17,179	17,055	17,576 *	17,168	106
N. Carolina	18,285 *	17,651	17,710	17,592	109	14,982	14,724	14,629	14,135	14,331	14,738	105
Oklahoma	6,639 *	6,478	6,583 *	6,530	100	4,935	5,122 *	5,038 *	4,693	4,857	5,021	114
Pennsylvania	3,990	3,951	3,825 *	3,586	101	2,923	2,828	2,875	2,747 *	2,659 *	2,965	110
S. Carolina	3,856	4,131	4,136	4,033	89	4,603	4,160	4,661	4,242	4,772 *	3,833	96
Texas	15,257	15,299	15,268	14,829	106	12,874	12,876	12,705	12,874	12,774	12,702	105
Virginia	6,572	6,612	6,205 *	6,620	108	5,256	5,380	5,209	5,483 *	5,408 *	5,401	99
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,790	17,360 *	17,026 *	17,267	109	16,060	16,484	15,892	17,457 *	16,287 *	16,143	105
Total 2004	212,904 *	210,361 *	209,398 *	202,346		174,498	174,742 *	175,717 *	175,484 *	174,446 *	174,288	
Total 2003	205,998	203,135	200,711	195,084		170,090	169,515	169,295	169,271	168,221	168,773	
%Prev. Year	103	104	104	104		103	103	104	104	104	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 202 million eggs during the week ending September 11, 2004. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 11, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 11, 2004 were 6.38 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.